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U.S. President Barack Obama leaves the United Nations after addressing world leaders during the General Assembly Tuesday in New York City. More than 120 prime ministers, presidents and monarchs are gathering this week at the UN for the annual meeting. This year's focus will be the ongoing fighting in Syria. MICHAEL NAGLE/GETTY IMAGES

Obama challenges world leaders to tackle thorny issues

UN speech. President speaks on Iran's nuclear program, violence in Syria and the tensions that come with freedom of speech

U.S. President Barack Obama challenged the international community Tuesday to confront the causes of turmoil in the Middle East, saying the world faces "a choice between the forces that would drive us apart and the hopes we hold in common."

Obama's speech to an annual gathering of world leaders at the UN General Assembly was his last before the November election, and campaign politics shadowed his words.

The president condemned the amateur anti-Muslim video made in the U.S. that helped spark the recent protests that killed dozens of people, calling it "cruel and disgusting."

But he strongly defended the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of the freedom of expression, "even views that we profoundly disagree with."

Running through Obama's speech was the theme that leaders in the Muslim world also should stand up for freer speech and oppose those who vent their anger with violence.

"There are no words that excuse the killing of innocents. There is no video that justifies an attack on an embassy. There is no slander that provides an excuse for people to burn a restaurant in Lebanon or destroy a school in Tunis or cause death and destruction in Pakistan," Obama said.

On Iran's nuclear program, Obama said there is "still time and space" to resolve the issue through diplomacy, but he said that time is not unlimited. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the Syrian crisis

"The future must not belong to a dictator who massacres his people."

U.S. President Barack Obama, saying the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad must come to an end

Egyptian vigilantes

Islamists jailed for 15 years

An Egyptian court has convicted three Islamists of killing a student this summer as he sat in a park with his fiancée, sentencing them to 15 years in prison in a case that sparked fears of vigilantes trying to enforce strict religious mores.

According to security officials, three bearded men argued with 20-year-old Ahmed Hussein Eid for loitering in the park in the Red Sea city of Suez with a woman who was not his wife. One fatally stabbed him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strange bedfellows. Romney finds unlikely ally in Clinton

Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney joked that he hopes to get an election-year "bounce" from an unlikely ally — former president Bill Clinton, a Democrat, who introduced Romney before Romney's speech Tuesday to Clinton's annual global conference in New York. Clinton had praised Romney's support for the AmeriCorps volunteer service program.

Clinton has an outsized influence on the presidential election more than a decade after he left office. Both Obama and Romney have pointed to his economic leadership. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former U.S. president Bill Clinton introduces Mitt Romney at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

91% of Canadians are satisfied with their lives: Study

Age divide. More young people report feeling contented, while senior citizens have reservations about their lot

If you're happy and you know it, a new report suggests you might be from Canada.

The Centre for the Study of Living Standards says more than 90 per cent of Canadians surveyed report they are either satisfied or very satisfied with their lives.

The centre tracked numbers collected by Statistics Canada in its community health survey between 2003 and 2011.

Canadians have stayed happy through that entire period, with 91 per cent reporting life satisfaction in 2003 and 92 per cent saying so last year.

The scores were enough to officially rank Canada as among the happiest countries in the world.

The centre says a Gallup world poll taken in February 2012 rated Canada as the second most satisfied nation, ranked only behind Denmark.

Centre executive director Andrew Sharpe said the numbers tell a compelling story about the standard of living most Canadians enjoy.

"We do have high levels of income. We have weathered the financial crisis better than other countries of the world," Sharpe said in a telephone interview.

"We do have a good health system. We complain about it, but at least there's full coverage of all Canadians ... We do have a lot of advantages as a country."

The StatsCan data — compiled in biennial surveys between 2003 and 2007 and in annual surveys from 2008 onward — asked Canadians to rate their own levels of personal satisfaction on a scale of 0 to 10.

Those who assigned themselves a score of six or above were considered to be pleased with their lives as a whole.

More of Canada's young people are reporting feeling contented, while the country's senior citizens are expressing more reservations about their lot in life, he said, adding the gap between the two age groups has widened considerably over the past several years.

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Great divide

In Canada, the east tends to be happier than the west.

- **Happy folk.** Average scores taken over the eight-year period found residents of Nova Scotia, Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador were most likely to be happy with their lives.
- **Not so much.** Satisfaction scores were lowest in British Columbia, Ontario and Nunavut.

Religion

Burn iPhone, rabbi tells his followers

An influential ultra-Orthodox Israeli rabbi ordered his followers this week to burn their iPhones, the latest move in a campaign by the insular community to encourage its members to keep the outside world — and specifically the Internet — at bay.

The decree by Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky, 84, came ahead of Judaism's holiest day, Yom Kippur, which begins Tuesday.

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Technology

Einstein's brain now on iPad app

While Albert Einstein's genius isn't included, an exclusive iPad application launched Tuesday promises to make detailed images of his brain more accessible to scientists than ever before.

The application will allow researchers and novices to peer into the eccentric Nobel winner's brain as if they were looking through a microscope.

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Profs protest cuts in Greece

A protester holds a candle outside the finance ministry in Athens during a demonstration by professors against new austerity measures Tuesday. Unions have called for a nationwide general strike Wednesday to protest the latest cuts. THANASSIS STARVAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Click, you're outed. Top websites passing on your info, privacy chief says

Some leading Canadian websites are inappropriately passing users' personal information to third-party sites such as advertising firms, says the federal privacy watchdog.

The information includes names, email addresses and postal codes — apparently without consent and possibly in violation of federal privacy law, privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart said Tuesday.

Research commissioned by Stoddart's office turned up concerns with about a quarter of the 25 shopping, travel and media sites tested.

For instance, when people signed up online to receive promotions from one shopping site, their email address, username and city were disclosed to marketing firms and companies that measure website usage, the office said.

In another case, a "well-known Canadian media site" handed over usernames, email addresses and postal codes to a content delivery and marketing service, an advertising network, and a news content provider.

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Quoted

"Our research serves as a wakeup call to all online services."

Jennifer Stoddart, federal privacy watchdog.

Some websites may be breaking privacy laws by passing on users' personal information, says the federal privacy chief. ADAM BERRY/GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO

Web power. NBC scraps special on teen's killing as mom's plea goes viral

An American TV network nixed a segment on the murder of a Canadian teenager after her mother made a emotional public plea against its production, a publicist said Tuesday.

Using her blog and Facebook page, Patricia Hung had lambasted NBC for planning the E! Entertainment segment on the killing as a crass profit-grab at the expense of her daughter, Stefanie Rengel.

"E! opted not to include the Stefanie Rengel case in our upcoming special When Teens Kill,'' said Kristen Osborne, senior publicist with E!.

"When we are in production on specials like this, we always research numerous stories and not all of them make it in.''

Stefanie, 14, was stabbed to death outside her east-end Toronto home on New Year's Day 2008 in a shockingly senseless act that put two other teens behind bars for life.

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Not the U.S. strain

New swine virus found in Ontario

Ontario has found a case of an infection with a new swine flu virus — in a man who worked with pigs.

The infection was caused by an H1N1-variant virus, but it's not the swine flu virus that has been jumping from pigs to people in the U.S. this summer.

That virus, an H3N2-variant, has caused 305 infections this year in the U.S.

Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's chief medical officer of health, said the new patient, a man, is being treated in a hospital in southwestern Ontario.

She did not indicate whether that is a precaution or because he is seriously ill.

"It's likely an isolated occurrence,'' she said.

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Conservative MP Stephen Woodworth, in the middle of a media scrum Tuesday, is the talk of Parliament Hill with his pro-life motion that will be put to the vote Wednesday. Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he'll vote against it, unlike Immigration Minister Jason Kenney. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The MP who sparked a new abortion furor

Crucial vote. Tory Stephen Woodworth is not afraid to speak out — and even defy PM Stephen Harper on a controversial issue

What is the definition of human being?

Stephen Woodworth's private member's motion would see Parliament appoint a 12-member committee to study the definition of human being. He is still lobbying MPs for support.

- **For the motion.** Immigration Minister Jason Kenney has said publicly he intends to vote for it.
- **Against the motion.** Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said he will vote against it, since his party at the last election committed to not reopen the abortion debate.

Will Stephen Woodworth's pro-life motion pass Wednesday in the House of Commons?

Whatever the answer, the Conservative backbencher will have sparked more debate on the abortion issue than any other MP in recent years.

Woodworth has also reached a celebrated position in the Canadian anti-abortion community as the MP who was willing to speak out and even defy the prime minister's position.

"Thank you! Your voice is being heard across our nation, and we should stand behind you as you present (Motion) 312. We need a law!" one of Woodworth's Twitter fans tweeted Tuesday.

Following question period, the MP for Kitchener Centre was once again swarmed by cameras and microphones outside the Commons chamber.

"I long for the days when I could walk out of the House after (question period) and not get scrummed," Woodworth said with a smile to reporters.

Woodworth, a lawyer, has insisted his bill is only about analyzing the issue, bringing in scientific and legal information to determine whether a fetus should be declared a child earlier than at birth.

He said it's not about criminalizing abortion.

Natalie Hudson Sonnen, executive director of Life Canada, said Woodworth's approach has educated people about how the unborn are treated in law.

"I think it's been particularly effective because of its potential to teach the Canadian public and also that it's not pushing for legislation at this point," said Hudson Sonnen.

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Highway of Tears suspect named

The Mounties say they believe a now-dead Oregon inmate was responsible for at least one of the murders in B.C.'s so-called Highway of Tears investigation.

Bobby Jack Fowler is believed to have murdered 16-year-old Colleen MacMillen in August 1974.

She was last seen leaving home to hitchhike to visit a friend near Lac La Hache, about 300 kilometres south of Prince George.

Although Fowler is also believed to have been responsible for at least two other murders and potentially more, police say they know he isn't the sole culprit involved in the disappearances and killings of 18 women in the region of the dreaded stretch of isolated roadway.

"Will we solve the remaining 17? I'm not certain," said Insp. Gary Shinkaruk, a lead investigators.

Shinkaruk said that in two other cases, police have isolated the DNA of two separate offenders, both now dead.

He said police have strong persons of interest in other files, but are not yet able to bring evidence forward.

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Shawn MacMillen, brother of murder victim Colleen MacMillen, pauses beside her picture at a Surrey, B.C, news conference Tuesday. Police believe a now-dead inmate killed her as she hitchhiked to a friend's home. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mood-lift madness: Canadians spending thousands on impulse purchases: Survey

Canadians spend an average of $310 per month on items that are wanted but not needed, according to a new poll. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

Emotional shopping. Sixty per cent of those polled admit they buy to cheer themselves up

A majority of Canadians surveyed by the Bank of Montreal say they shop to cheer themselves up and mood-lifting impulse purchases cost Canadians $3,720 annually.

The Bank of Montreal poll found that 59 per cent of those surveyed did impulse shopping and bought items like clothes and shoes and also treated themselves to eating out.

"We're really struggling to save money on a monthly basis," said Janet Peddigrew, district vice-president of midwestern Ontario at BMO.

Consumers have been spending more than they've been saving over the last 10 years, which is cause for concern, Peddigrew said.

"Those who answered the survey, the majority, said they would do it to cheer themselves up," she said.

Buyer's remorse

- The survey found more than half of respondents regretted their purchases and 43 per cent sometimes spent more than they earned in a month.

The survey found that 60 per cent of Canadians did this kind of emotional shopping and 55 per cent bought something they might not need because it was on sale. On average, that amounts to $310 a month being spent on items that are wanted but not needed.

Those surveyed believed they could save two-thirds of that amount if they made an effort to limit impulse spending, the bank said.

The online survey was conducted by Pollara and interviewed 1,000 adults between Aug. 31 and Sept. 5.

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Entrepreneurship. Record number of Canadians are starting businesses: report

Canada is increasingly becoming a country of small entrepreneurs, says a new report from CIBC pointing to a sharp rise in the number of Canadians starting their own businesses.

The report finds that in June more than half a million Canadians said they had begun their own business over the past two years, a record number.

Perhaps most encouraging, 80 per cent of new owners say they made the decision to strike out on their own voluntarily, not because they couldn't find a job.

That's a welcome shift from the early 1990s and 2008, when the recession and layoffs drove more and more Canadians into involuntary self-employment.

But the CIBC study, which drew its data from research commissioned from Statistics Canada, suggests the proportion will rise in the future.

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By the numbers

15%

Currently, about 15 per cent of Canada's labour force is self-employed.

Economic indicator

U.S. consumer confidence climbs

U.S. consumer confidence jumped this month to the highest level since February, bolstered by a brighter hiring outlook.

The Conference Board said Tuesday that its consumer confidence index rose to 70.3. That's up from 61.3 in August, which was revised higher. And it's the highest reading since February, when the economy added 259,000 jobs.

The indicator is watched closely because consumer spending drives nearly 70 per cent of economic activity. The reading is still below 90, a level that indicates a healthy economy. Since the beginning of the year, the index has fluctuated sharply.

The survey was conducted from Sept. 1 through Sept. 13. It shows consumers were more optimistic about the current availability of jobs and their outlook over the next six months.

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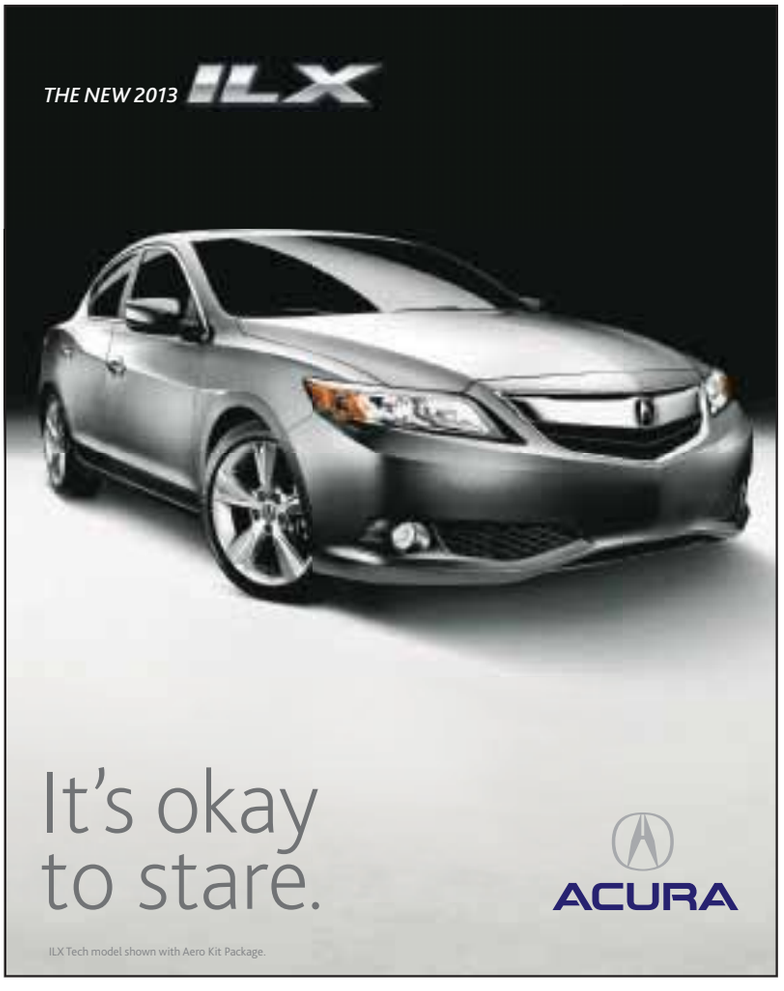

Financial planning

Feds hope new toolkit will help consumers manage money

Ottawa believes Canadians might need a little help in how they spend and save. The federal government has released a financial toolkit that it says can help Canadians make sense of everyday financial questions they face.

The toolkit, available online at fcac-acfc.gc.ca and in printed form, includes worksheets, quizzes, questionnaires, case studies and educational videos to educate Canadians on making rational, responsible money decisions.

The toolkit was created in partnership with the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada, the Investor Education Fund and l'Autorité des marchés financiers. The initiative is part of the government's efforts to promote financial literacy and follows months of warnings from the Bank of Canada as well as the finance minister about the record high levels of consumer debt.

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Market Minute

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Dow Jones: 13,457.55 (-101.37)

RIM builds hype for BB10

Research In Motion is showcasing its new BlackBerry 10 operating system, saying it will launch a new era in mobile computing.

RIM chief executive Thorsten Heins says the new platform and accompanying smartphone — on schedule to be launched early next year — will almost have the processing power of a laptop.

The company's future is riding on the success of BlackBerry 10 and its new phones after suffering two major delays that have pushed back the release date.

Heins was showing how the new operating system works at the BlackBerry Jam Americas conference in San Jose, Calif. He says it will separate a user's personal and corporate information and both sets of information will be encrypted and fully secure.

The new BlackBerry Messenger instant text service will allow a user to type in more than one language in the same sentence. The demonstration smartphone was being used with one hand and allowed its user to easily manipulate the touchscreen with a finger.

RIM has already lost significant market share due to delays in bringing out its new generation of BlackBerry devices to compete with iPhones and smartphones that use Google's Android operating system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thorsten Heins, president and CEO of Research in Motion, talks about the new BlackBerry 10 at the BlackBerry Jam Americas conference in San Jose, Calif., on Tuesday. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WAKE UP AND SMELL GLOBAL WARMING

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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It's going to be tougher to bring home the bacon next year, thanks to global warming.

According to the National Pig Association, a U.K. trade group, there will be a world shortage of pork and bacon next year as farmers stop raising pigs as the price of feed will skyrocket because of the drought in the U.S. Midwest this year.

The association, which I'm disappointed to learn, is not a group of talking pigs but a more conventional organization of farmers, believes there could be a 10 per cent reduction in the pig supply, which means prices will double.

The bottom line: A sharp reduction in bacon and tomato sandwiches.

Bacon pride

"Ironically, this comes at a time when bacon is undergoing a renaissance. It's everywhere! You can spread bacon jam on your toast tomorrow morning or you can wait until lunch to chow down on the Baconator from Wendy's: Six slices of bacon along with two beef patties, two slices of cheese and a heart attack (bonus!)."

This is a catastrophe. Global warming is bad enough, but it will be unendurable without BLTs.

Ironically, this comes at a time when bacon is undergoing a renaissance. It's everywhere! You can spread bacon jam on your toast tomorrow morning or you can wait until lunch to chow down on the Baconator from Wendy's: Six slices of bacon along with two beef patties, two slices of cheese and a heart attack (bonus). Then at dinner, you can sit down to a filet wrapped in bacon, accompanied by a salad festooned with bacon bits, chased with a caramel bacon ice cream sundae. Yum.

But you'd better hurry. The bacon window is closing.

Maybe this is not such a bad thing. I've been feeling guilty ever since Charlotte saved Wilbur in that classic of my childhood, Charlotte's Web. Not that it kept me from my Baconator ways. I've never met anything that doesn't taste better than a slice of bacon. Except maybe six slices of bacon.

But let's get real. Pigs are at least the smartest barnyard animal and are routinely ranked among the top 10 animals on or off the farm. They also get a bad rap on the hygiene front. They are habitually clean; they have to roll in the mud to stay cool because they have no sweat glands. You wouldn't eat any of the other brainiacs of the animal kingdom: Whales, dolphins, elephants or apes, so why pick on pigs?

So, struggling with a guilty conscience and a looming, 100 per cent increase in the price of pork, I was already teetering on the brink when a vegan friend sent me this link to an adorable YouTube video featuring an adorable pig saving an adorable goat from drowning at a petting zoo. Search 'pig saves goat' on YouTube and watch it. Warning: It's adorable.

"Some Pig!" as Charlotte would weave on her web. Maybe this global warming thing is Mother Nature sending us a sign, too — back away from the bacon and repeat after me: Pigs are our friends.

If you love bacon, now might be a bad time. JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

Taiwan clashes with Japan

THE ASAHI SHIMBUN/GETTY IMAGES

Territorial dispute

Water fight over disputed islands

Japanese coast guard vessels have fired water cannons at Taiwanese fishing boats after the commercial ships ignored warnings not to enter Japan's waters.

Ten surveillance ships from Taiwan that accompanied more than 50 vessels into waters around the Senkaku Islands retaliated with their own water cannons, agency reports say. METRO

President's viewpoint

"We stand up for our rights and there should be no doubt about it."

Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou told reporters on Tuesday.
Ma praised the Taiwanese coast guard vessels for escorting fishermen to assert their sovereignty over the disputed islands. Ma was quoted by sources saying that, "where there are our fishermen, that's where our coast guard will be."

Conflict timeline

- **The Senkaku.** A group of five small islands in the East China Sea some 170 kilometres north of the Japanese island of Ishigaki. They are controlled by Japan but claimed by China (which calls them the Diaoyu) and by Taiwan (the Diaoyutai).
- **Sovereignty dispute.** Japan legally acquired the islands in the late 19th century, but China and Taiwan argue the islands historically belonged to Taiwan (which China also claims as its own). Reports suggest that the Chinese claim to the islands gained prominence after a 1968 geological survey found possible oil and gas reserves in the area.
- **This year's tension.** Tokyo's government bought private islands from a Japanese family for development. Beijing says it's an act of provocation.
- **Now.** Protests have targeted the Japan embassy in Beijing and Japanese businesses in China.

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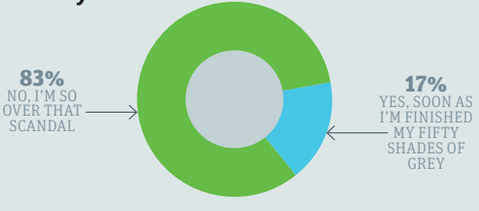

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@JFiissel: I am thrilled to be to developing programs for the winter session at the Neil Balkwil Civic Arts Centre! #yqr #learning #teaching #Kids

@alyssaVonT: Is it weird I like to follow other #yqr-ians on insta just cause I like trying to guess where their pictures are taken based on backgrounds

@DarrylSpanier: Time for some lunch @originaljoes #yqr #pubfood

@tielerjay: Anyone know where you can buy Ukrainian Beet rolls in #YQR ?

@the1andonlyjade: It's so nice to be back in #YQR

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Martin Short voices three characters in the Tim Burton film Frankenweenie. GETTY IMAGES

Not Short on versatility

Interview. Canadian star talks about new film Frankenweenie, working with Burton and doing an array of character voices

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Martin Short first worked with Tim Burton in 1996's Mars Attacks! Given Burton's penchant for familiar faces — or voices — it's no surprise Short is back for Frankenweenie, voicing three very different characters in the stop-motion animation feature.

Martin says it's always nice to be asked back — as long as the director is any good at what they do.

How is it being a part of Tim Burton's troupe, having a director say, 'I want you back?'
Well, obviously if the director is horrible you say, 'Who cares?' But in Tim's case, you're honored, you're complimented. And we did really like each other. We like each other a lot.

You don't hear a lot of bad things about Tim.
Because of his position of power and his reputation of creativity, he would therefore be allowed to pull off being moody one day on the set. I once worked with a guy when I was early on, and he was fabulous for about two weeks and then one day I walked by and said hi and he just kept walking. His assistant came over and said, 'Oh, his therapist said he doesn't have to say hello if he doesn't need to.' Tim could be that guy, but I always see him, especially in a work situation, in a joyful, joyful state of mind. He's happy to be there.

But behind all-black clothing and sunglasses and the hair.
Well, that's his hair. And I think that he just likes black jackets.

You voice three characters in this film, but your primary character — Victor's father — is pretty normal as far as characters go. Is that odd for you?

I think if that were the only voice I was doing, I might — I would've done it anyway because it's Tim, I love Tim — but if it were not Tim, you kind of go, 'Well I don't know why you need me for this.' But I've always made sure in my specials over the years that there was one scene where I played myself to give the audience an understanding of that's who he is and these are the offshoots.

How often during these press junkets are you reminded of your own celebrity interviewer character, Jiminy Glick?
Well you know, the misconception of Jiminy was that he was satirizing you guys, and he wasn't at all. He was satirizing morons with power. He could've been a congressman. We do see this all the time, and Washington is filled with these people, you know? They have staffs that are happy to get the job, just graduated from Yale and scared on the first day of work — and this is the guy they're scared of. So that's what struck me as funny. It wasn't about interviews.

Which of your characters do people ask you to reprise the most often?
It's very weird. I remember I was doing a Broadway show a few years ago, Fame Becomes Me, and I would leave the stage door, and there are people with things for you to sign, you're signing things, and people call out a line. 'I want my pudding!' or something. And you get in the car and you go, 'What was that from?" And then you go to bed and about two in the morning — 'Oh, that's that special I did in '87!'

I think particularly in comedy and particularly with my stuff, if one finds it funny, because it's not known — like Two and a Half Men type of knowledge — you feel like you own it yourself, it's your thing. I mean, obviously people will talk about Franc, they'll talk about Jiminy, they'll talk about Ed Grimly or Jackie Rogers Jr.

You know, they'll talk about these characters that have been around for a while. But sometimes they'll go obscure. I did an episode of Arrested Development, and people come up and talk about Uncle Jack.

Is Uncle Jack showing up again in the relaunch of the show?
You know, I had dinner with Mitch Hurwitz about a year and a half ago and he said, 'We've got to get Uncle Jack back,' but no one's sent the script. Let's put it that way. But I loved that guy.

On the web

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lohan released after brief hospital stay

Lindsay Lohan was rushed to the hospital in New York recently due to a pesky respiratory infection, according to TMZ, but she's not in any danger.

"Lindsay was treated and released and is doing fine," her rep insists.

Hoping to clear things up further, the troubled actress' dad, Michael Lohan, has released a statement:

"She got rid of (the infection) before she left for Atlanta to shoot Scary Movie, but obviously she didn't get enough rest and it came back," he says.

"She's on antibiotics. This was more precautionary than a major medical issue."

Quote

"Lindsay was treated and released and is doing fine"

Lohan's rep

Selena Gomez

Gomez reading marriage self-help book

Selena Gomez was spotted last week carrying around the marriage self-help book The Five Languages of Love, prompting speculation as to why the 20-year-old girlfriend of Justin Bieber would need marriage advice.

But Gomez insists it came highly recommended and from a good source.

"Actually, my preacher suggested it to me just for fun, so I'm reading it just for fun," she tells Hollyscoop.

The Word

Timberlake bringing the sexy back to MySpace

THE WORD
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Are social media platforms like fashion? Wait long enough and pretty soon we'll be looking for them again in the deep recesses of our closet?

Well, guess who we might find back there next to the fanny packs and boot-cut jeans: Tom from MySpace.

Justin Timberlake invested in the faltering site in 2011 and has, apparently, been working hard on a revamp. On Monday, Timberlake tweeted a sleek new video of the site and, dare I say, it looks amazing. If you've become tired of Facebook, with the ever-present spammy developments — not to mention Mark Zuckerberg's increasingly shady information sharing practices — the new MySpace might be a safe haven from the constant deluge of baby photos.

The new, clean interface looks like a mash-up of Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Spotify and Twitter, and focuses heavily on music (which Facebook could never do).

There are several other notable changes, like easy drag-and-drop interactivity for music sharing and ways to connect with other creative people who share similar interests.

Now, I just need to find the nerve to log back in when the new site finally launches — I'm terrified to see how many porn stars I've become friends with in my absence, as well as what my "mood" was in 2007.

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Schwarzenegger told wife about cheating before it leaked

Before news broke of Arnold Schwarzenegger's 14-year-old love child with housekeeper Mildred Baena, he confessed it himself to wife Maria Shriver — but only after she confronted him about it in therapy.

"The minute we sat down, the therapist turned to me and said, 'Maria wanted to come her today and to ask about a child — whether you fathered a child with your housekeeper Mildred,'" Schwarzenegger writes in his new memoir. "I told the therapist, 'It's true.'"

According to the book, the therapy session took place in January 2011, four months before he publicly admitted to fathering the child, whom he says was conceived during production of Batman and Robin.

Simon Cowell

Simon stepping out with Electra

Simon Cowell is reportedly dating Carmen Electra, according to In Touch. The pair turned heads recently during a rather cosy dinner at a Hollywood restaurant.

"They were really into each other," a source says. "At one point they were talking real close, and he leaned in and kissed her. They started making out."

Rumours of something between the two started earlier this year while Electra was dating Rob Patterson.

Twitter

@AlyssaMilano
Sigh... I wish I liked anything on my body as much as Christina Aguilera likes her boobies. Bless her and those boobies!

@katyperry
There's no place like Tokyo, there's no place like Tokyo, There's no place like Tokyo.

@kanyewest
What if there was no profanity... What if we decided to legalise profanity in a sense? In France they play songs with cursing on the radio

@SteveMartinToGo
Just wondering. Women are different from men, right? But are their bodies different too?

5 DELICIOUS WAYS TO SPICE UP YOUR LIFE

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Ramp up the taste of the foods you eat with sweet, savoury and exciting flavours. Here are five to discover — and enjoy.

PROVOCATIVE: DULCE DE LECHE

If you have a sweet tooth, a spoonful of creamy, rich Dulce de leche will make you swoon. Dulce de leche is made by cooking milk and sugar together until it caramelizes. Make it yourself (the most basic recipe involves simmering condensed milk) or buy a prepared Dulce de leche. Enjoy it slightly melted on warm pancakes or toast, drizzled over vanilla ice cream, or slathered over rich custard for your own messy version of crème caramel.

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MYSTERIOUS: CHOCOLATE MINT

Fresh chocolate mint is best tasted with your eyes closed … first, take a long deep inhalation, then put it into your mouth: The bright, fresh flavour of mint is combined with the full rich flavour of chocolate. This delicious herb, which comes from the spearmint family and has a purple stem with green leaves, can be used in almost any recipe … think brownies and quick breads or as a garnish on ice cream. You can even steep it in a cup of hot water or put it into the bottom of your coffee mug!

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DISCOVERY: CINNAMON

Most people think of the fragrant and warm sweetness of cinnamon in apple crisp, doughnuts, warm Chai lattes and other treats. But cinnamon is delicious in savoury dishes, too. For something completely different, add ground cinnamon to black beans when you make burritos or nachos, and for a Middle Eastern inspired meal, sauté lamb with eggplant, raisins and cinnamon sticks. Sweet!

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HEIGHTENED EXPERIENCE: CHILI PEPPERS

Some like it hot… and that's where chili peppers come in! Chopped, fresh chili peppers wake up dishes like chili con carne and sandwiches and wraps. The heat in a chili pepper comes from something called capsaicinoids, and there are so many different types including jalapeno and South American chili peppers, which are used in a spicy salsa called sofrito. And take note: The best way to ease the burning sensation is to drink milk or eat any dairy product.

STIMULATE: GARAM MASALA

A dusting of Garam Masala on any dish adds a rich bouquet of flavours … heat from peppercorns, complexity from nutmeg, a touch of lemon from coriander, and a warm, earthy taste from cumin.

The Indian spice blend often includes cloves, cinnamon and cardamom as well — there are different versions depending on the region. Buy it ready-made or make it yourself. The different spices are toasted and then ground together.

For a delicious change, add a little Garam Masala to vegetable sautés, soups and stews.

You can also use it as a dry rub for meats before grilling, and for an exotic dessert, add a little bit to pies or cookies.

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5 Gum. Stimulate Your Senses.

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Golfing in splendor.
Enjoy the changing of seasons by seeking out some of the sport's best colour-filled courses in Canada

BRIAN KENDALL
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Silver Creek Golf Course in Garden River, Ont., is among the top fall golf courses in Canada. HANDOUT

Canada's golf courses are always at their most spectacular during the fall. From Newfoundland to British Columbia, Canadian Golf Traveller explores five top fairway destinations perfect for savoring the sights, tastes and other opportunities of the season.

Newfoundland
Though gorgeous at any time of year, the wild and woolly setting of Newfoundland's Twin Rivers Golf Course is unmatched in autumn.

Situated at the southern end of Terra Nova National Park, 223 kilometres west of St. John's, the 6,546-yard layout by Doug Carrick and the late Robbie Robinson skirts the Atlantic Ocean before twisting through a boreal forest ablaze with colour and teeming with moose and bald eagles. Especially unforgettable is the 18th, a 175-yard par three played through the mist rising above a waterfall to a small green nestled in the forest.

Annapolis Valley, N.S.
Sheltered from the icy winds off the Bay of Fundy by the South Mountain, Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley enjoys a longer autumn than almost anywhere else in the Maritimes.

Earthy harvest smells perfume the air as visitors journey past apple orchards and dairy farms to the Avon Valley Golf and Country Club, about an hour's drive west from Halifax. The tiny greens of this hilly course, near the town of Falmouth, demand surgically precise approach shots.

Charlevoix, Que.
Spectacularly situated on cliffs overlooking the mighty St. Lawrence River, the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu Golf Club is one of the jewels of Quebec's popular Charlevoix tourist region, east of Quebec City.

Canadian Shield outcroppings, pristine lakes, verdant Laurentian valleys and evergreen forests define Charlevoix's astonishingly diverse landscape, which is at its most beautiful in autumn. The region is also a renowned culinary destination, with farms, restaurants and hotels focused on serving local food.

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Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Autumn colour buffs annually flock to Sault Ste. Marie for the Agawa Canyon Train Tour, an unforgettable journey past foaming rivers and spring-fed lakes deep into a northern wilderness turned crimson and yellow.

But golfers can enjoy similar scenery right in the city of 75,000 at the aptly named Crimson Ridge Golf Club. Designed by local son Kevin Holmes, the 10-year-old layout includes mature forests, a waterfall and numerous elevation changes. Most memorable of all is the par-five ninth hole (formerly the 18th), a dogleg offering a breathtaking view from the elevated tee of the city's downtown, the North Shipping Channel and northern Michigan.

Just as gorgeous is Silver Creek Golf Course, a demanding Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest and Associates design opened two years ago by the Garden River First Nation on land just east of the city. Bear and deer are frequent visitors to a layout where many holes were carved through a dense forest of hardwoods and conifers.

Okanagan Valley, B.C.
From a desert of sagebrush and cactus to lushly forested mountain valleys and terraced orchards and vineyards, the Okanagan Valley offers an autumn golf season of striking visual contrasts.

The valley's top draw is Predator Ridge Resort, which sprawls across a 12,000-acre landscape of clear lakes, fast-rushing mountain streams and wheat grass meadows. There are two championship courses, including The Ridge, a Doug Carrick design that launched to rave reviews in 2010.

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CASSANDRA GARRISON
Metro World News in New York

Historically, Martha's Vineyard is a blue-blooded summer spot, but the island is welcoming a new generation of jet-setting visitors.

Though the vineyard does remain the ideal escape for those who wish to rub elbows with the who's whom of the Northeast, it's also relatively affordable in the offseason. (Note: We did say relatively.)

Explore cutting-edge culinary delights, a bustling shopping scene and stunning landscapes that will take your breath away at any time of the year.

Where to stay

The Harbor View Hotel in Edgartown — one of the island's six charming towns — offers unparalleled waterfront views of the harbour and the Edgartown lighthouse. This 121-year-old Victorian-style hotel has all of the modern amenities we crave on vacation (late room service, plush robes, milk and warm cookies in the evenings), but gives off a regal Kennedy-like feel. The hotel offers 114 guest rooms and suites, each uniquely different, and eight spacious Captain's Cottages are available to rent or purchase if you really fall in love with the island. 131 North Water St., 508-627-7000

How to get there

The island is easily accessible by boat and air, so you can spend less time in transit and more time relaxing. You'll fly from Philadelphia International to a connecting flight from Cape Air. Just don't be alarmed when the flight crew asks how much you weigh — you may be flying in a tiny propeller plane with about 10 other people.

If you have the time and don't mind travelling by sea, ferry service to the island is offered from N.Y.C., Highlands, N.J., New Bedford, Mass., Hyannis, Mass., Quonset Point, R.I., and several other East Coast cities.

Where to dine

It's a sin to leave the Vineyard without indulging in a lobster roll. The traditional style of chilled lobster in a light mayo on top of a buttered roll is the favoured style of local seafood stands. Go to Faith's Seafood Shack and eat your delicious spoils on a bench at the nearby dock, or take them with you to the beach — if you can wait that long.

If you're looking to go the classier route (after all, to see and be seen in the vineyard is part of its flair), reserve a table at Water Street — the Harbor View Hotel's fine restaurant. And be sure to try the oysters and Chef Shaun Brian Sells' New England clam chowder with pork belly and chive oil.

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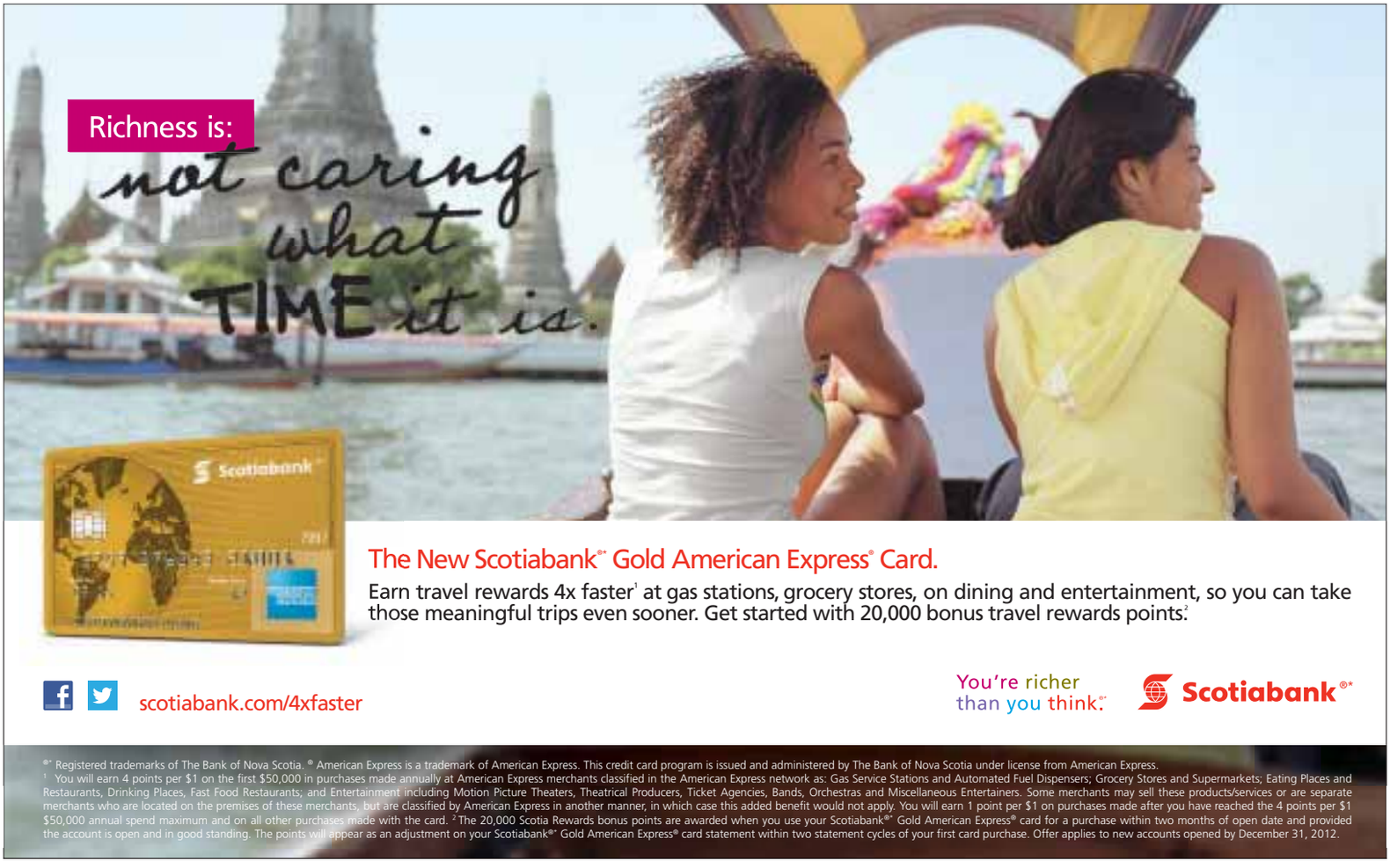
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Entertain this fall season without packing on those pesky calories

Linguine Margarita

This recipe serves four. MICHELLE MORADI

Did you know that the average Canadian gains an extra seven to 12 pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day? Hard to believe, isn't it?

Fret not as you plan your next dinner party because registered dietitian Luke Corey has come up wit delicious healthy recipes to help you avoid packing on those calories and weight.

As the founder of Nova Scotia-based Complete Health and Nutrition, a nutrition consulting company dedicated to meeting the goals and objectives of clients through customized nutrition and healthy living programs, Corey knows a thing or two about healthy eating.

"Looking for a tasty way to add more vegetables to your diet?" asks Corey. "Try this fast and easy linguine recipe that's a total crowd pleaser.

"With tomatoes, onions and asparagus, this flavourful pasta dish will make you the host with the most this holiday season.

"Keep portions under control by using smaller bowls, and cut calories by finding a low-fat Parmesan option."

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) finely diced onion
- 1 lb (500 g) fresh asparagus, cut into 2 inch lengths
- 3 garlic cloves, finely minced
- 1 cup (250 ml) drained, patted dry, and coarsely chopped, oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) dry white wine
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) low-fat whip ping cream
- 3/4 lb. (375 g) dry linguine pasta
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) grated Parmesan
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped fresh basil

1. In a large skillet, warm oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and asparagus and cook until asparagus is slightly soft and bright green, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and sauté 1 – 2 minutes until fragrant, being careful not to burn garlic. Remove with a slotted spoon to a plate and keep warm.

2. To the same skillet, add tomatoes and white wine. Cover and simmer over low heat until the tomatoes are softened, about 8 – 10 minutes. Return asparagus to skillet and add cream. Cook 2 – 3 minutes to meld flavours. Season to taste with pepper.

3. In a large pot, bring water to a boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente. Strain and place in a serving bowl. Cover with sauce and stir to combine. Top with Parmesan cheese, garnish with fresh basil, and serve.

RECIPE COURTESY OF LUKE COREY, BA(H), BSCAHN, REGISTERED DIETITIAN (RD)

Drink of the Week

Avoid drinking your calories this season

For an adult beverage, enjoy refreshing Cranberry Mimosas. At just 164 calories, they are delicious and don't damage your diet like many other cocktails can.

- 2 cups low-cal cranberry juice
- 4 oz champagne
- Fresh cranberries for garnish

Combine cranberry juice and champagne. Drop in few cranberries for garnish.

Those looking for an alternative to alcohol this holiday season should try Coca-Cola's portion controlled mini-cans. They are just under 100 calories — perfect for serving to guests.

LUKE COREY, BA(H), BSCAHN, REGISTERED DIETITIAN (RD)

Pumpkin Soup. Have guests cosy up with this dish

"Take advantage of quintessential fall flavours of pumpkin, red peppers and onions, all found in this savoury pumpkin soup recipe," says registered dietitian Luke Corey.

"As the temperature drops, this soup, which is infused with hints of spicy nutmeg, can be the ultimate warm-up."

1. In a large sauce pot, on medium heat, melt butter. Sauté pepper and onions until soft but not browned.

2. Blend in flour and salt. Cook for 3 - 4 minutes. Stir constantly so as not to scorch.

3. Add chicken or vegetable stock or broth, pumpkin puree, milk, thyme and nutmeg. Bring to a boil, and then reduce to a simmer for 10 - 15 minutes. If the soup is too thick, add more stock or broth.

4. Remove thyme sprigs. Adjust seasoning with freshly ground pepper.

5. Garnish with chives. Serve with slices of whole grain bread with oats, flax, and millet, and a fresh green salad.

RECIPE COURTESY OF LUKE COREY, BA(H), BSCAHN, REGISTERED DIETITIAN (RD)

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- 1 cup (250 ml) finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1 cup (250 ml) finely chopped onion
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
- 3 cups (750 ml) chicken stock
- 2 cups (500 ml) pumpkin puree
- 2 cups (500 ml) 2% milk
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1/2 tsp (3.5 ml) ground nutmeg
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) finely snipped chives
- Freshly ground pepper

This recipe serves six to eight. EDAMAME EATS

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Plotting out the CV of the ultimate problem solver

What you need to succeed. The future consultant's resumé reflects an organized, outgoing individual

JESSICA KONZELMANN
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Nice and concise: Keep in mind that Harvard Business School MBA grads manage to fit their resumés onto one page — you probably can too. ISTOCK

As a recent new graduate and now business analyst at a major consulting firm, I know how tough it can be to perfect your resumé to make it 'consulting ready.'

Fortunately for me, many of my peers who were in my shoes just a year prior were there to guide me through the process during recruitment season.

Their tips, tricks, must-dos, and cautions were a saving grace, giving me the edge I needed to secure interviews and bring me one step closer to my dream job.

Now, a year later, I am excited to be in a position to share what have learned.

Consulting resumé content

As an applicant, you need to focus on the following:

- Showcasing your excellent communication skills that were developed through school and work related experiences (e.g., class presentations, proposal writing etc.,)
- Consistently communicating your personal brand throughout your resumé. In other words, after someone reads your resumé, what do you want them to remember? (e.g., Jessica displays really great leadership and communication skills that she must have developed throughout…)

Describe your accomplishments

The structure of your resumé should be focused on describing your strengths and demonstrating how you provided insights and delivered tangible solutions to work and/or school related problems.

You should take every possible opportunity to assign some numerical value to the work you accomplished. For example:

- You constructed a sales-focused website for Client X to homogenize their online and offline presence, resulting in an increase of 10,000 hits over the course of one month.

When discussing your work and extracurricular experience, make certain you emphasize positions that highlight your leadership, people skills, communication skills and problem-solving abilities. Consulting firms are looking for well-rounded, intelligent and driven students who excel both inside and outside of the classroom, so it's a great idea to pull in examples from as many relevant activities as possible.

Leadership and people skills

Consulting is about working with people to solve complex problems, and firms want to know you can handle the tough interpersonal situations that arise in high-stress environments.

Provide examples of your exemplary leadership skills that have steered a team headed for failure to a successful outcome. Leaders must communicate and relate to their peers, so be sure to mention that your 'big win' was not only a result of your strategic insights, but a harmonious mixture of your communication and interpersonal skills that delivered an enticing, well-received message.

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Countdown to a career

"You should take every possible opportunity to assign some numerical value to the work you accomplished"
Jessica Konzelmann

Top three of the CV

Key tidbits I learned while wordsmithing my resumé.

- **Keep things concise.** When proofreading your resumé, always ask yourself, "Is there a more concise way I can write this?" Chances are there is.
- **Everything should add value.** Make sure every sentence you write adds value to the overall goal of the passage. Apply the "so what" rule and eliminate phrases that do not sell your skills.
- **Tailor your resumé.** Use descriptive language that is crafted to the position and assignment you are describing.

Student Voice

Workplaces, take graduates under your wing

Elizabeth Dorion
Graduate
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I graduated in the fall of 2010 with my degree in business. During university, I specialized in management and labour studies so that I would eventually be able to become a Certified Human Resources Professional. I took all the classes necessary to complete the first step to become a C.H.R.P. I had also volunteered in my university's career centre to gain some experience with resumés and interviewing. The same month of my graduation, I took the National Knowledge Exam. I passed the test and became a C.H.R.P. candidate. I thought I had taken all the right steps to gain entry into the human resources field. I began looking for jobs before I graduated and managed to gain a interview. I didn't get the job, but I kept on trying. I applied to jobs constantly, but I didn't hear back from most. I had a phone interview or an initial interview here and there, but I never heard back from them or they told me that someone else more qualified got the job. After a year and a half of not getting anywhere, the local Human Resources Professionals Associations (HRPA) chapter was offering a mentoring program. I quickly signed up to be a mentoree and I was assigned a mentor. I spent the next three months learning as much as I could about entering the field of HR and the field itself from my mentor. Since my last meeting and making the improvements to my resumé and cover letter, I have had three interviews. Once again, I didn't hear back from them or I wasn't qualified enough. I am trying my hardest to become qualified but it is hard when no one gives you a chance.

Where I am now

I am currently working as a full-time supervisor for the employer I worked for in university. I am still looking to enter the field of human resources.

My advice for employers, career centres and schools

My recommendations for employers would be that if you see that someone is taking the steps to enter a career path, see it as an opportunity to help them grow their career in your company. If a person is going through so much to gain entry into the field, they will want to learn from you and they will give you their loyalty. If you are not sure if they will stay with your company after you train them, you can look at their past employment experiences or you can ask them what their future ambitions are. If you don't give someone a chance, they can't prove anything to you.

My recommendations for students

My advice would be to get into a co-op program or work as intern before you graduate to get any experience you can.

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NHL

Edmonton mayor doesn't buy Oilers' moving to Seattle

Edmonton's mayor says if the Oilers are serious about trying to relocate the NHL team to Seattle, good luck drawing fans in the Pacific Northwest.

"The Oilers have sold out what 150 to 200 games in a row (in Edmonton)," Stephen Mandel said in a TV interview Tuesday morning.

"In Seattle you have football, baseball, if they get an NBA team (then it will be pro basketball), college football, college basketball, and then hockey. I'm not sure you're going to sell out 18,500 seats a game or 18,300 seats a game there at $8,000 a season ticket."

Mandel was commenting on Oiler brass, including team owner Daryl Katz, visiting with Seattle officials Monday night to discuss relocating the team to that city.

In a news release, the team said it has no choice but to review other options.

"After more than four years of trying to secure an arena deal and with less than 24 months remaining on the Oilers' lease at Rexall Place, this is only prudent and should come as no surprise," said the team statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

"NFL fans on both sides of the aisle hope the refs' lockout is settled soon."

U.S. President Barack Obama on Tuesday in response to a furor caused by a missed call in the Seattle Seahawks' 14-12 last-second win over the Green Bay Packers on Monday night. The NFL acknowledged Seahawks receiver Golden Tate should have been called for offensive pass interference before the winning catch.

HC Davos' Rick Nash, right, is held up by SC Langnau's Mark Popovic during a Swiss League game on Tuesday in Davos, Switzerland. ARNO BALZARINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL going back to the bargaining table

Lockout. Discussions won't be limited to core economic issues when negotiations resume Friday

Europe bound

- The flood of locked-out players to Europe continues, with Vezina Trophy finalist Pekka Rinne signing on with Dinamo Minsk in the KHL Tuesday and Tuuka Rask (HC Plzen), Mikhail Grabovski (CSKA Moscow), Alex Steen (Modo), Douglas Murray (Djurgarden) and Alex Semin (Sokol Krasnoyarsk) joining new teams as well.

The NHL's collective bargaining talks are set to resume after a two-week hiatus and all of the issues are open for discussion.

Not only did the league and NHL Players' Association schedule a meeting for Friday in New York, but they also agreed to reopen negotiations on matters unrelated to the economic system that governs the sport.

It's a departure in approach from the weeks leading into the lockout, when the sides focused solely on core economics. They were about $1 billion apart after each tabling offers during the last bargaining session on Sept. 12, and a new plan of attack was developed by deputy commissioner Bill Daly and Steve Fehr, the NHLPA's special counsel, during a face-to-face meeting in Toronto on Tuesday morning.

"We agreed on an agenda that made sense and might produce some forward progress," Daly told The Canadian Press.

The lockout has already forced the cancellation of September's pre-season games and it's expected that the remainder of the exhibition schedule could officially be wiped out as soon as Wednesday. After that, regular season games will be next on the chopping block.

Despite stalled negotiations, Daly said earlier this week that the process was "light years" ahead of where it was at this point in 2004. The decision to return to the bargaining table is evidence of that. Eight years ago, the sides let three months pass after the lockout was enacted before resuming talks.

While a significant economic gulf remains this time around, at least one veteran negotiator believes it's a good sign the NHL and NHLPA are willing to discuss issues such as pensions, grievance procedures and travel in the meantime.

"It means that once they settle the economic issues they want to start playing right away," said the negotiator, who requested anonymity.

Additional reminders of the damage inflicted by the lockout continue to surface with each passing day. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Tuesday that the Blues had laid off just under 20 employees and forced their remaining staff to take pay cuts or a reduced work week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mitchell's bank account slashed by CFL

Khalif Mitchell is in trouble with the CFL once again.

The league fined the B.C. Lions all-star defensive lineman an unspecified amount Tuesday for multiple "throat slashing" gestures committed in the club's 19-18 win over the Edmonton Eskimos on Saturday night.

After the game, Mitchell defended his actions, saying he made a gesture in the form of a cross. But a television replay showed the defensive tackle making a throat-slashing gesture.

Earlier this season, Mitchell served a two-game suspension handed down by the CFL for violently hyper-extending the arm of Edmonton offensive lineman Simeon Rottier in the Eskimos' 27-14 win in Vancouver on July 20.

Mitchell was not penalized on the play but was suspended by CFL commissioner Mark Cohon.

Saturday night's game was Mitchell's first against Edmonton since the incident with Rottier. Mitchell flattened the Eskimos guard on the first series Saturday night and walked away without incident after quarterback Steven Jyles was sacked. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Around the league

The Alouettes will be without defensive tackle Ventrelle Jenkins (bruised knee) and possibly defensive back Seth Williams (concussion) when they play the Tiger-Cats Friday.

- Jarious Jackson will get the start Saturday when the Argonauts visit the Blue Bombers. Regular starter Ricky Ray suffered strained ligaments in his knee in Sunday's loss in Montreal.

Lions defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell gestures to the fans towards the end Saturday's game in Edmonton. JOHN ULAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

4 SPORTS

Mobile sports

Cricket

The pressure's already on for the 40 players at the Canadian women's hockey team camp this week in Calgary, who will find out in just six months if they will be invited to try out for the 2014 Olympic team.

DRIVE 5

Euro auto industry down and out — but we'll always have Paris

The Smart ForStars concept debuting this week in Paris is so named because you can view the stars via its glass roof, and for its video projector embedded in the front hood — good for screening movies and their movie "stars" whenever the mood strikes. HANDOUT

Auto show. World still has a love affair with European design, despite economic tough times

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Europe's economy is in shambles. Consequently, car demand in Europe this year is forecast to be less than 12.5 million units — the second lowest level in the last 20 years.

This is how Fiat and Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne framed the situation, during an industry conference held this week in conjunction with the Paris auto show: "The European car market is a disaster. It has plunged off a precipice that doesn't seem to have bottomed out yet."

Good times.

So can we expect the upcoming Paris show to be somber and uneventful? Hardly.

I guess you can be bummed out in Paris if you tried, but you'd have to really bust a gut. Also, auto companies have to keep their models fresh whatever the economic cycle. And finally, maybe lots of Europeans can't or won't buy a new vehicle this year, but that is not the same thing as the world telling Europe to stop creating vehicles, for the world clearly still loves European designs.

Can't go wrong

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The global aspect of the industry has meant that Europeans designs don't stand out like they used to, but you know what? They still stand out. American and Asian brands have made great strides, but they still don't attract the eye like most models do from Audi, Mini, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Land Rover, Volvo, Jaguar, Aston Martin, Ferrari, etc.

It doesn't hurt that European models play more in the upscale segments, but a lot of that is because they can — through great looking vehicles.

So European flair will surely continue to excite, amid and despite the chaos. The Paris show will not be diminished in any way.

The show gets underway on Thursday, but several "advance" images of some of the debutantes are already in circulation.

The most important of which is the Jaguar F-Type, the English automaker's long awaited, all-new "smaller" two-seat sports car, which channels the famous E-Type (1961-1974). Fans of Jag's more earnest sports cars of the past have been waiting for a car like this for a long while. All I'm saying at this point is "hallelujah."

Another notable two-seater to debut at Paris is the Smart ForStars. The concept tells us a lot about the direction of the new-generation Smart platform, due in North America in 2014. Basically get ready for lots of Smart variations, like a four-seater (ForFour), and something like this mini-mini-SUV thing they're calling ForStars.

And there will be more where that came from. Because Europe will not stop being Europe.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Where affairs of the heart are concerned anything is possible today, so if there is someone you have feelings for and want to impress then turn on the charm. Don't be surprised if they fall into your arms!

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Both money and emotional matters are under good stars today, so if there is something you need to discuss, either at home or at work, don't be afraid to speak up. You'll get more than a fair hearing.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Honesty is essential today, because if others find out that you are being economical with the truth, the trust that has built up between you will be gone in a flash. If you've done something wrong, own up to it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
This is one of those times when you will almost certainly achieve more by doing less. Days when you can just sit back and let life come to you are few and far between, so enjoy it while you can.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You are extraordinarily adventurous at the moment and today's Mercury-Jupiter link will encourage you to think and act in ways that lead to new discoveries. Life is what you make of it, so make a masterpiece.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Put your ambitions to one side and focus on personal relationships, at least for the next 24 hours. The planets are urging you to remember that the higher you climb, the stronger your emotional foundations must be.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
What happens today will liven things up and encourage you to believe that your dreams are within reach. It is also a great day for friendships and relationships. The line between the two may even be blurred.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You don't have to compromise but if you are smart you will look ahead and realize that the way you treat others now will determine how they treat you in the future. Give a little now and get a lot later.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your confidence is high and you honestly believe that something marvelous is about to occur. Because you think and feel that way, you will attract people and events that bring smiles aplenty — both to you and to others.

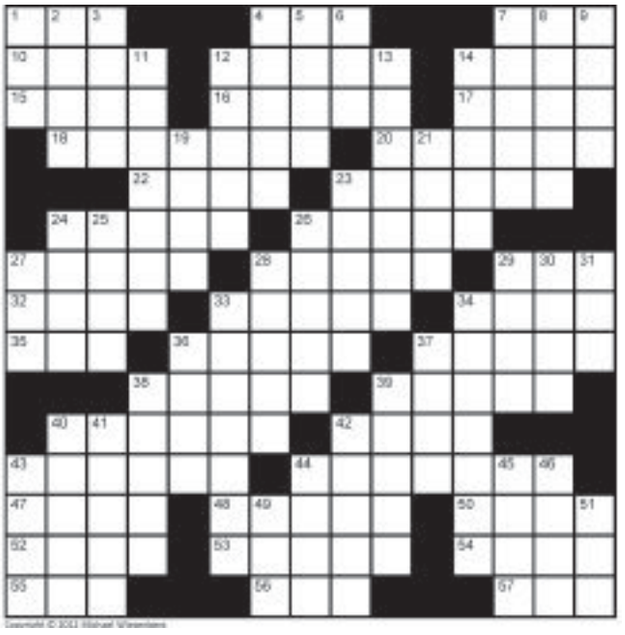
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't be afraid to approach people who can be beneficial to you career-wise. They may seem a bit cold but will soon warm up when you tell them your plans. They will also be intrigued by your self-belief.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do yourself a favour and spend time with those you love. Not only will you have a good time but you will learn something to your advantage, something you would not have known about had you stayed away.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Almost anything you say over the next 24 hours will be greeted with approval, which is gratifying to say the least. But don't say so much that you have nothing left to talk about tomorrow, Friday and over the weekend. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Shake Before Using

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. ___ and [1-Down]: be indecisive, procrastinate
4. "Easy as ___!"
7. Chapeau
10. Iraqi or Lebanese
12. Symbolic Canadian leaf
14. Biblical givers
15. Bacchus's beverage
16. Molecule parts
17. "... for auld lang ___": New Year's song
18. Shopping ___: malls
20. Margot ___: Yellowknife-born Lois Lane portrayer in four Superman movies
22. Declining comments
23. Buffalo relatives
24. Bird feeder bits
26. Homes away from home during the summer
27. Mazda introduced in 1989
28. Groups of three
29. Poivre tablemate
32. Former: poetic
33. Pillages villages, say
34. "What is so ___ as a summer's day?"
35. Bottom line
36. BC Team
37. Like some cottage cheese (2 wds.)
38. Go by bike
39. Armour-breaking weapons of old
40. Tasks
42. Classroom furniture
43. James ___: Vancouver-born Montgomery Scott portrayer on *Star Trek*
44. 8 miles from Lake Louise, this lake has the same blue-green color and is named from the rockpile at one end
47. Deceptive manoeuvre
48. Play prompter's activity
50. Slippery fish
52. Unclosed
53. ___ Lauder: cosmetics and fragrance brand
54. Prairie Province: abbr.
55. Part of kph or mph
56. Québec summer
57. Maritime Province: initialism

Down
1. [1-Across] and ___
2. Guitarist Clapton
3. Head of hair
4. Appetizer spreads
5. Wall St. offerings
6. *Nightmare on ___ Street*
7. Composer Franz Joseph
8. *Citizen Kane* or *Hush Hush Sweet Charlotte* actress Moorehead
9. Amphitheatre level
11. R.B. ___: 11th Prime Minister (1930-35)
12. "Say 100 Hail ___": priest's suggestion for penance
13. Edmonton's CFL team
14. __-___: basis for Windows, originally
19. "Told you I could do it!"
21. AOL and Comcast
23. Prepares a hook
24. Father
25. ___ Coast
26. Witch
27. Chess or checkers pieces
28. Hammer and screwdriver, e.g.
29. Home plate ruling
30. Historic periods
31. Permit
33. Driver's ___: teenager's quest
34. Alberta-BC border feature
36. Constellation named for a stringed instrument
37. US space gp.
38. Montréal singer-poet Leonard most known for "Suzanne"
39. Become one company
40. Two-door auto
41. Canadian term of disrespect
42. Recipient
43. Abandon, as a subject
44. Catcher's glove
45. Bimonthly tide
46. Other
49. Employ
51. Schuss or wedel

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

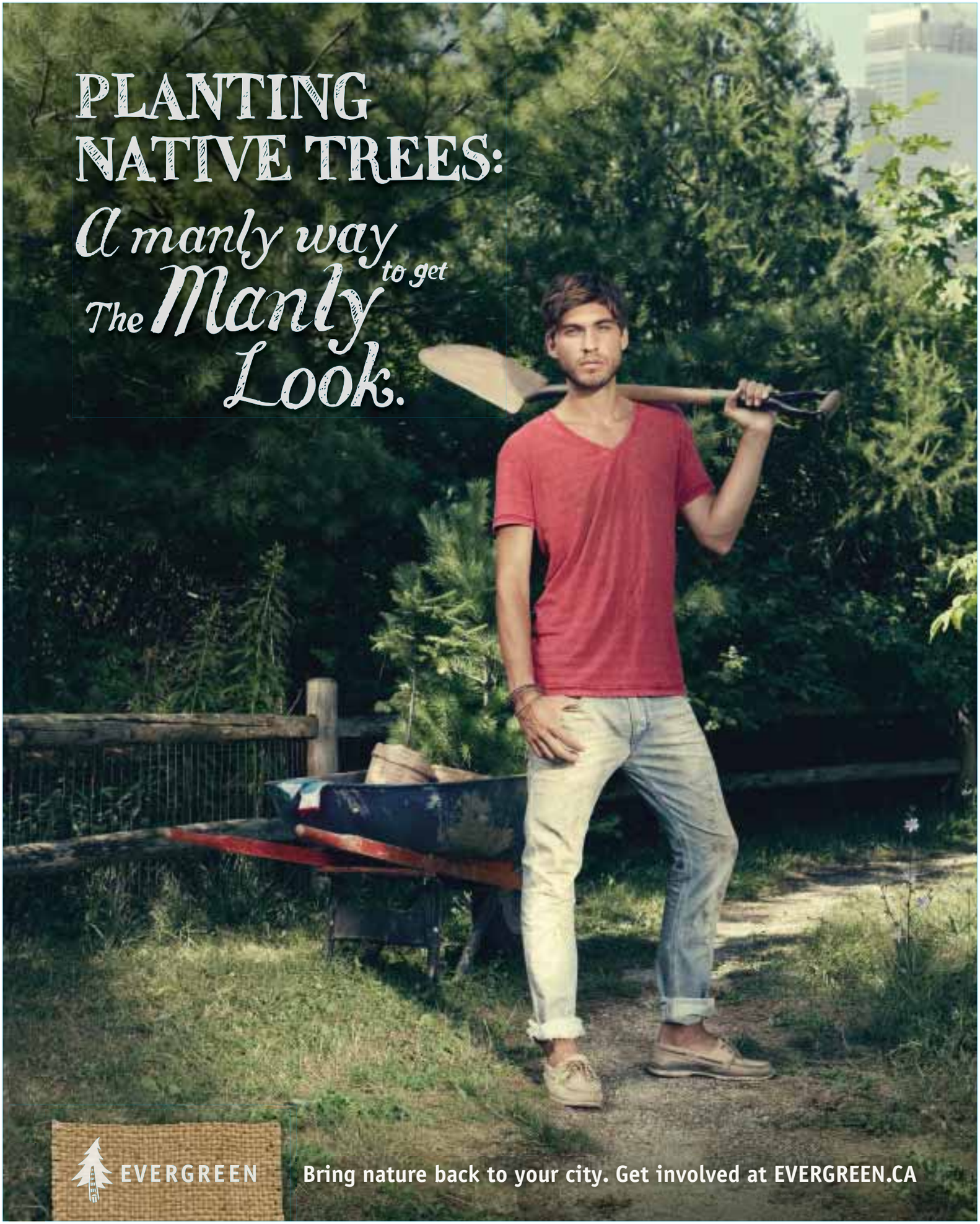
How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

	5	8	1		7			2
		9	3	5	4			
	7		2					
		7				6	9	3
8	6	3				1		
					6		5	
			5	9	2	3		
2			7		1	8	4	

Yesterday's Sudoku

Sharability

easy — hard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